

Systems Security Committee originate outside the Department of Defense. However, coordination with the DUSD(P) and the Component's central point of contact is necessary before the establishment or implementation of any such Programs by any DoD Component. The information required by § 159a.80(f)(1) will be provided.

(d) Excluding those Programs and that information specified in paragraphs (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, Special Access Programs shall be established within the Military Departments by:

(1) Submitting to the Secretary of the Department the information required under § 159a.80(f)(1).

(2) Obtaining written approval from the Secretary of the Department;

(3) Providing to the DUSD(P) notice of the approval; and

(4) Maintaining the information and rationale upon which approval was granted within the Military Department's central office.

(e) Excluding those Programs and that information in paragraphs (d)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, Special Access Programs that are desired to be established in any DoD Component other than the Military Departments shall be submitted with the information referred to in § 159a.80(f)(1) to the DUSD(P) for approval.

(f) Upon specific written notice to one of the appropriate DoD Special Access Program approval officials, receipt of their written concurrence, protective Special Access Program controls may be applied to a prospective Special Access Program for up to a 6-month period from the date of such notice. However, in all instances, the Program must be terminated as a prospective Special Access Program or formally approved as a Special Access Program by the end of the 6-month time period.

(g) Unless under DoD Directive S-5210.36³⁷, Special Access Programs which involve one or more DoD Components, or a DoD Component and a non-DoD activity, shall be covered by a written agreement which must document who has the principal security responsibility, who is the primary sponsor of the Program, and who is respon-

sible for obtaining Special Access Program approval.

§ 159a.82 Review of special access programs.

(a) Excluding those Programs specified in § 159a.81 (a), (b), or (c), each Special Access Program shall be reviewed annually by the DoD Component responsible for establishment of the Program. To accommodate such reviews, DoD Components shall institute procedures to ensure the conduct of annual security inspections, with or without prior notice, and regularly scheduled audits by security, contract administration, and audit organizations. Also, Program managers shall ensure that Special Access Program activities have undergone a current review by legal counsel for compliance with law, executive order, regulation, and national policy. To accomplish such reviews, specially cleared pools of attorneys may be utilized, but in all cases legal counsel shall be provided with all information necessary to perform such reviews.

(b) Special Access Programs, excluding those specified in § 159a.81 (a), (b), or (c), or those required by treaty or international agreement, shall terminate automatically every 5 years unless reestablished in accordance with the procedures contained in § 159a.81.

§ 159a.83 Control and central office administration.

(a) Special Access Programs shall be controlled and managed in accordance with DoD Directive 5205.7³⁸. Each DoD Component shall appoint a Special Access Program coordinator to establish and maintain a central office and to serve as a single point of contact for information concerning the establishment and security administration of all Special Access Programs established by or existing in the Component. These officials shall report to the DUSD(P) on the status of DoD Special Access Programs within the Component to include:

(1) The establishment of a Special Access Program as required by § 159a.81(d)(3); and

³⁷ See footnote 13 to § 159a.33(j).

³⁸ See footnote 1 to § 159a.3.